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Subject: this settlement is disgusting

I am a student at Michigan State University. Last Wednesday we reviewed the Microsoft anti-trust violations and deceptive practices in my telecommunications policy class. It made me think that the DoJ is very afraid of Microsoft, that George W. Bush does not want the Microsoft case to exist, and that Microsoft blatantly broke the law on numerous occasions. If I was a burglar and I broke into 10 houses and stole lots of jewelry. I would go to jail. I wouldn't be told, "hey, stop committing crime now okay? If you say you won't do it again, we'll just keep an eye on you for a little while." If I was Microsoft and I did everything in my power to destroy any potential middleware from arising using despicable practices including forcing other companies to bend to their will through complete lies(Mac Office) and purposefully distributing Java tools which only worked on my version of JVM while proclaiming that not to be the case, I guess that I do only get told to stop, and promise NOT TO BE A CRIMINAL ANY MORE. THEY BROKE THEY LAW.

DoJ: Hold out your wrist please Mr. Gates. *slap!*

Bill: Ooooooaaaaay, I've learned my lesson. *mutters something under breath that sounds like, "suckers!!!".*

DoJ: Well I guess it was worth the millions and millions spent on the case then, if you learned your lesson. Forget the court costs or any monetary reparations whatsoever Mr. Gates. The American taxpayers gladly shoulder the load of your invaluble lesson.

Angry Narrator: And no one lived happier ever after than Bill Gates, and no one in America really cared because they are disillusioned with the system and resigned to the fact that Microsoft does whatever it wants. Had the DoJ protected the people's interests, who knows? The day might have been won in the name of good, but alas, that is not the case.

The End

Good job DoJ. I mean bad job. yeah, bad job is what I meant. If you're going to have a giant trial and spend a lot of time and money, doesn't it make you feel frustrated to finally end up with a castrated settlement?

Thank goodness that Justice has 9 states with the common sense not to accept this rubbish, as Justice is not accustomed to dining on rubbish. Hopefully Microsoft will pay through the nose in civil trials as well.

Whatever happens, you failed. That's how lots of people feel. Not just me. Lots of people. I can start a list if you want.

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